Linking Bhiwadi with Delhi-Ahmedabad rail line

891. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether linking Bhiwadi to Delhi-Ahmedabad broad gauge railway line is vital for industrial growth of NCR as well as Rajasthan as Bhiwadi is an industrial hub of Rajasthan, which is located in the National Capital Region;

(b) whether his Ministry has suggested the State Government to incur the cost of this project;

(c) if so, the response of the State Government in this regard;

(d) whether Government realizing the importance of the project is going to sanction this linking railway line;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (f) A survey for construction of a new broad gauge line between Rewari-Bhiwadi was completed in 2003-04. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of 24.87 kms long line had been assessed as Rs. 105.04 crore with a Rate of Return as (-) 8.56%. The State Government of Rajasthan expressed their willingness to take up this project under National Capital Region Plan and Assistance to the State for Infrastructure Development for Export and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme. The matter was referred to the State Government for bearing the cost of the project but there was no positive response in this regard. In view of this, the proposed new line was not taken up due to its unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.

However, an updating survey for a new line linking Bhiwadi to Delhi-Ahmedabad broad gauge line (27 kms) has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2008-09.

Contracts to foreign firms for upgradation of stations

892. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to upgrade several railway stations across the country to world class standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether foreign based firms have been selected for the development of railway stations;

(d) if so, the criteria adopted for selecting such foreign firms; and

(e) the terms and conditions laid down by the Government in awarding such contracts to foreign firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Following stations have been identified for re-development as World Class stations:—

Pune, Nagpur, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai), Howarh, New Delhi, Anand Vihar (Delhi). Bijwasan (Delhi), Lucknow, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Varanasi, Chennai, Thiruvanathapuram, Secunderabad, Tirupati, Ahmedabad, Patna, Gaya, Bhubaneshwar, Mathura, Agra, Bangalore, Bhopal and Jaipur.

(c) Technical and Architectural Consultant has been selected through global competitive bidding for developing Master Plan and Feasibility report for New Delhi. Concessionaire for the development has not beeen selected.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Commercial utilization of surplus land

893. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of the projects Railways has prepared for the commercial utilization of surplus land with Railways in different cities of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), an authority under the control of Ministry of Railways, has been constituted to take up commercial development of railway land/air-space. So far 110 sites have been entrusted to the Authority. The details of these sities are given in the Statement (*See* below).

Statement

Details regarding sites entrusted to the Authority

Sl. No.	Railway	Location of site	Area (in hectare)
1	2	3	4
1.	Central	Thane	0.8
2.	Eastern	Belgharia (Sealdah)	3.00
3.		Bidhan Nagar (Sealdah)	0.5
4.		Halishahar (Sealdah)	9.00
5.		Ballyghat (Sealdah)	4.00
6.		Kancharapara (Sealdah)	4.0
7.		Budge-Budge (Near Sealdah)	3.2
8.	East Central	Gaya (Gautam Budha Institute)	0.57
9.		Raxaul	1.2
10.	East Coast	Vishakhapatnam-I	1.60
11.		Vishakhapatnam-II	0.20
12.	Northern	Lucknow (Railway Institute Vidhan Sabha Marg)	0.77
13.		Delhi-Sarai Rohila	3.2
14.		T.A. Office Delhi, Kishan Ganj	1.65
15.		Budhlada (DLI-Bhatinda section	0.02
16.		Badli (Delhi)	0.7
17.		Katra	30.4